

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This virtual 'Zoom' meeting is on Monday November 9th 2020 at 7pm

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Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman to this online meeting of Westerleigh Parish Council
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011
4. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

Westerleigh Parish Council – District Councillors' Report

Illegal Rave at the Stover Road Trading Estate

On Saturday 31st October between 500 and 700 people gained unauthorised access to a warehouse on the Stover Road Trading Estate in Westerleigh parish where an illegal rave took place. This was contrary to the current Covid restrictions in South Gloucestershire and there was negligible social distancing amongst attendees. Officers from the Avon & Somerset Police arrived at the scene at 10.35 p.m. but were greatly outnumbered and targeted with high levels of violence from the gathered crowd. After drafting in officers from neighbouring constabularies the site was finally secured on Sunday evening. Eight individuals have been arrested and one of those has subsequently been fined £10,000 for organising the event. The investigation into these events is ongoing. Officers are currently reviewing bodycam footage and other evidence with the aim of bringing further prosecutions.

This has understandably received widespread attention in the local and national news. Claire pressed the Executive of South Gloucestershire Council on their response at their meeting on the following Monday stating that *"Local people are understandably angry and concerned, it's a real kick in the teeth to all those who have been trying so hard to stick to the rules to keep our area as safe as possible. How this is dealt with will set the tone for the coming weeks"*. Whilst the warehouse itself remains a crime scene the area around it has now been cleaned up by officers from StreetCare. At a briefing with Chief Constable Andy Marsh on Wednesday 4th November we impressed upon him the importance of the police working with partner organisations and the local community, not only to secure further arrests and fines, but also to prevent a similar recurrence during the ongoing pandemic. As responsible residents continue to abide by the exacting Covid restrictions it is vital for there to be effective communication between police and the community; this is to ensure that super spreader events are stopped before they can occur and that the organisers of such gatherings are identified to the police as early as possible.

South Gloucestershire Council Consults on its Budget for 2021/22

In the past decade South Gloucestershire Council has needed to make tens of millions of pounds worth of cuts as funding from central government has been stringently cut. The Covid pandemic has added to the financial strain on the council's budget, increasing the demand for council services whilst cutting income. Officers do not yet know how much additional funding the council could receive from the Government to alleviate this unforeseen financial burden. When the second lockdown period finishes and is replaced with a regional Covid tier system it is possible that the entire West of England Combined Authority will be unified in having the same tier. This would enable the Mayor of the West of England to negotiate a financial support package from central government as the regional mayors for Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire have done. Next year's budget consequently remains a provisional work in progress. Residents can nonetheless read through South Gloucestershire Council's proposed budget and submit their comments accordingly.

Residents have until Sunday 3rd January 2021 to tell South Gloucestershire Council what they think about its budget, council tax proposals and savings plan for next year. You can find the consultation at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Budget2021/>.

Yate Park and Ride a Step Closer to Approval

The planning application for the proposed Park and Ride facility (P20/16166/R3F) on land to the east of Nibley recently appeared on the Circulated Schedule. This is due to the fact the planning application was submitted by South Gloucestershire Council itself. The Yate Park and Ride is long overdue as in 2007 the new Conservative administration abruptly cancelled the previous plans for such a facility on this site. The site is within Frampton Cotterell ward and the parish of Westerleigh. As ward councillors we have supported this application as a welcome contribution towards sustainable public transportation and the decarbonisation of the local economy. As no submission for referral to the Development Management Committee was received the planning officer's recommendation to approve the application (with conditions) became final and the application determined under the system of delegated powers. Robert Jenrick (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) does have the power to intervene to consider the application but, in practice, this rarely prohibits the application.

Consultations

South Gloucestershire Council has published a further five draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) as it continues to review its current planning documents and supplementary guidance. This forms part of the preparatory work as officers embark on the process of drafting a new Local Plan to replace both the Core Strategy and the Policies, Sites and Places Plan. The consultations for all five of these SPDs end on 4th January 2021. The five topics are:

- Trees and Development SPD (https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Trees_SPD20)
- Sustainable Drainage Systems SPD (https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/SuDS_SPD20)
- Self Build SPD (https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Self_Build2020/)
- Affordable Housing SPD (https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/AH_SPD20)
- Green Infrastructure SPD (https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/GI_SPD20)

South Gloucestershire Council has carried out work to pedestrianise Thornbury High Street and to install new cycling lanes to the west of Yate (on Badminton Road and Station Road). Both schemes involved the use of Experimental Traffic Orders (ETOs) which have a statutory requirement for public consultations to run simultaneously alongside of them. At the end of the ETOs eighteen month duration the changes that have been implemented may become permanent. The details of the Thornbury consultation can be found at https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/PT.6609_Thornbury_High_St._E.T.O and runs until 31st January 2021. The Yate cycle lane consultation can be found at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/StationCycle>. It ends on 24th February 2021.

PLEASE also see additional reports relating to the illegal rave at the end of this agenda.

5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public
6. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary
7. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 12.10.2020
8. Council to discuss/approve/note matters arising including:
Housing Needs Survey; Mud on road near Beech Hill Farm; Fruit trees at Pansy Vale;
Childrens holiday activities SWIFT Coaching; Manor School field;
Councillor workshop on Communication strategy;
9. Council to consider Planning Applications (other than those dealt with under COVID-19 Standing orders)
None that haven't been dealt with under COVID standing orders.
10. Council to consider way forward with Emergency Plan
11. Council to receive information or consider/approve matters relating to the Lake/Chalet site including:
Insurance; Services; Building works; Tenancy; Ancillary items required; Council Tax;
12. Council to discuss ideas for use of Community Benefit money
13. Committee to consider/approve any Grant Applications - NONE
14. Committee to receive Clerk report regarding ongoing matters and approve where relevant including:
Blackberry Park public art Installation; Dick King Smith memorial bench;
15. Council to consider RESOLUTION to continue with COVID-19 Delegated Powers to the Clerk and to continue dealing with Planning Applications by email
Applications & comments are listed on: <http://www.westerleighparishcouncil.org.uk/parishioners-planning/>
16. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council
From SGC
 - Letter regarding S106 money from Station Rd Yate development
 - Greener Places – pre-consultation engagement survey
 - Update on S106/CIL for next year
 - Road Closures - Henfield Rd; Down Rd;
 - March 2021 Census – request for help
 - SGC COVID support marshalls

- Station Rd Yate Cycle scheme – Phase 2 consultation

Other

ALCA – Good Councillor Training 11th Nov

Scout unit in Serridge Lane – development plan update

Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Survey
(The Committee on Standards in Public Life)

Avon Pension Fund/LGPS - LGA draft response to the MHCLG consultation on reforming local government exit pay

17. Council to consider responses to Consultations
SGC 2021/22 budget proposals
18. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman
19. Dates of future Parish Council meetings/Committee meetings
November 23rd Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting Zoom

December 7th 2020 Full Parish Council meeting Zoom

SWSimmons

Parish Clerk 5.11.2020

Appendix 1 IN REGARD TO ILLEGAL HALLOWEEN NIGHT RAVE
(This took place within the Frampton Cotterell ward/Westerleigh Parish)

Latest updates

Avon & Somerset Police have also released another statement about the rave including bodycam footage from that night and the following day - <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2020/11/unlicensed-music-event-organiser-handed-10k-fine-over-covid-19-breach/>. The Chief Constable explained at his briefing to District Councillors yesterday that the footage is obscured so that its publication does not prejudice any future prosecutions that arise from their ongoing investigations.

Halloween Illegal Rave update:

For information on illegal rave on Stover Road trading estate please go to Avon & Somerset's press release - <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2020/11/eight-arrests-made-after-unlicensed-music-event-shut-down/>

Further to this comprehensive statement NPT would add, 'Avon & Somerset Police are pursuing any information in respect of any attendees to the rave in addition to the organisers.'

Our resources were busy on the evening of the 31/10/2020 responding to and targeting Halloween related ASB. NPT were also proactively using resources to prevent a car meet which was expected that evening. Avon & Somerset Police had dedicated rave patrols in place, by a Police Support Unit. However there was no specific intelligence to suggest South Gloucestershire was going to be the target of such an event.

Follow up visits have been conducted at businesses surrounding the location of the rave.

If anyone has any information they would like to share with the police in respect of attendees or organisers of the rave please call 101 and quote reference number 5220247128.'

Statement from Frampton Cotterell District Cllrs:

South Gloucestershire Liberal Democrats

Contact: 07811 872 274

EMBARGO: Immediate

Claire Young questions council leadership over Frampton Cotterell rave

Claire Young, Councillor for Frampton Cotterell and Leader of the Liberal Democrats on South Gloucestershire Council has asked a series of questions of the Council's Chief Executive and Leader, following the illegal rave which took place on the Stover Road Trading Estate, in the Frampton Cotterell over the weekend.

Frampton Cotterell ward is represented by Councillor Claire Young, along with two other Liberal Democrat Councillors: Councillor Tristan Clark and Councillor Jon Lean.

At Monday afternoon's South Gloucestershire Cabinet meeting, Councillor Claire Young asked the following questions:

- *Will you impress upon the police the need to communicate clearly to the public how those involved are being dealt with?*
- *What involvement will this Council have, if any, in making sure that the surrounding area is cleaned up quickly and thoroughly, to reduce fears about the risk of infection?*
- *What is this council doing to work with the police on plans to prevent future illegal activity of this sort in this area and across South Gloucestershire?*

Speaking at the meeting Councillor Young also said:

"Local people are understandably angry and concerned, it's a real kick in the teeth to all those who have been trying so hard to stick to the rules to keep our area as safe as possible. How this is dealt with will set the tone for the coming weeks."

Councillor Jon Lean, Liberal Democrat, who also represents Frampton Cotterell ward commented:

"I was appalled by the flagrant violation of the law exhibited by the organisers and attendees of this event, especially given the ongoing public health crisis. Their actions put all of us at risk. We will be questioning officials to find out about the plans to prevent this sort of illegal activity in the future."

Councillor Tristan Clark, the third Liberal Democrat Councillor for Frampton Cotterell added:

"This was myopic, selfish behaviour that utterly disregarded the threat super spreader events pose to our communities."

ENDS

Briefing note

Community statement on illegal rave at Stover Trading Estate, Yate

An unlicensed music event took place in a disused warehouse on Stover Trading Estate in Yate on Saturday 31 October.

Police were made aware of the event at about 10.35pm and the first officers arrived on the scene within 12 minutes.

Hundreds of people were already at the event and surrounding roads were closed to prevent more people driving to the industrial estate. However, a large number of people continued to arrive on foot and were hostile to police, throwing items – such as bottles – at officers. Thankfully, all injuries to those officers are believed to be minor.

The dedicated police team on duty to deal with unlicensed music events attended and were supported by teams from neighbouring forces.

Police estimate 500-700 people attended the event, which continued for a number of hours despite power to the building being cut off by Western Power.

The building was cleared of people by 3.10pm on Sunday afternoon (1 November), despite attacks on officers who were equipped with safety gear to protect them from serious injury.

A total of eight people have been arrested (as of Monday 2 November), including a man in his 30s on suspicion of being involved in organising the event.

Road closures around the site have been lifted, but some officers remain at the scene securing the premises.

Chief Inspector Mark Runacres said: "Our priority is always to protect the safety of the public and officers have acted with skill and bravery today to bring this unlicensed event to a safe conclusion.

"These sorts of police operations are incredibly difficult to manage as we seek to bring those responsible to justice, while ensuring public safety.

"Anyone organising an unlicensed music event does so with no thought to others and to stage something of this nature at a time when Covid-19 cases are rising in the South West will rightly make those making sacrifices incredibly angry.